

TO TEST MANN ACT IN SUPREME COURT

Department of Justice Files
Appeal Designed to Stop
Blackmail Practice.

A fast case, designed to break up conspiracies for blackmail under the Mann white slave law, has been brought before the Supreme Court by the Department of Justice in the case of the United States vs. Clara Holte. The appeal was made in a brief filed yesterday by Assistant Attorney General William Wallace, Jr.

According to officials of the department, who are deeply interested in the case, this particular form of blackmail is becoming widespread, and women, particularly, have found easy prey through the rigid penalties of the Mann law. Under the Mann law any man who took a woman from one State to another for immoral purposes was amenable to the act, and was liable to conviction. As a consequence, it is said women and men, holding the fear of conviction over the heads of violators, have been collecting big sums for suppression of the facts.

According to the department, the appeal is designed to break up this practice, the department in the case of the United States vs. Clara Holte, is alleged that the woman knowingly participated in her transportation in interstate commerce for immoral purposes, and is therefore, liable to conviction with a man named Laudenschlager on a charge of carrying her from one State to another for immoral purposes.

The Wisconsin court held that the woman, being merely the object of the unlawful transportation, could not be punished for aiding and abetting the man. It is from this judgment that the department of justice has appealed to the highest tribunal.

The government is seeking to prove that by provisions of the Mann law a woman may be transported by a man for an immoral purpose without any guilty complicity on her part, but that, if she knowingly participated with him in bringing about her transportation for an immoral purpose, then, under the circumstances, the two may be indicted and punished for conspiracy.

KEEP LITERACY TEST IN IMMIGRATION BILL

Senators Expect to Put Measure
in Original Form Squarely
Before the President.

President Wilson, it is expected, will have to face the question of vetoing or signing the literacy test bill with the literacy test included. This is indicated by the action of the Senate on the literacy test clause of the bill. All efforts to delete the literacy test have failed, the Senate having adopted it by a vote of 41 to 12.

Passage of the bill by the Senate is expected tomorrow. The House, however, has been trying to block the bill in order to avoid embarrassment to the President.

The bill, if passed by the Senate, will go to conference. The only hope its opponents have is to delay it in conference and thus kill it. But the supporters of the measure are on the lookout to prevent such tactics from succeeding. They say they will force the bill through.

Whether the President will veto the bill, despite his opposition to the literacy test, is doubted in congressional circles. One of the amendments adopted to the bill was offered by Senator Reed. It bars from the United States men and women of the "African or negro black race." It was adopted 25 to 25.

Another amendment which was adopted, despite opposition by Senators Smoot, Sutherland and Hughes, excludes persons who believe in polygamy as well as those who practice it.

Senator Smoot contended there had been no polygamous marriages among Mormons since the banishment of 1890. But he seemed to feel that Mormons should be allowed to believe in polygamy.

Commerce Department
Personnel Is Changed

Secretary of Commerce Root has announced the following changes in personnel in his department:

Low E. Clark has been transferred from the Department of Commerce to the office of the Secretary of the Interior.

Vernon L. Richards, who has been transferred to the Interior Department, has been appointed as assistant secretary of the Bureau of the Census.

Charles Albert Whelan has been appointed as assistant secretary of the Bureau of the Census.

Lewis Sees Hope for
U. S. Ownership of Wires

Congressman Lewis of Maryland, author of the plan to have government ownership of telephone, telegraph, radio and radio, several times today that he intends to carry on a fight for the proposal.

Charles Albert Whelan has been appointed as assistant secretary of the Bureau of the Census.

Chevy Chase Citizens
To Elect Next Wednesday

The annual election of officers of the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association will take place January 8 at a meeting in the residence of John M. Williams, 201 Connecticut avenue.

SIDDONS REVIEWS LEGISLATIVE WORK

Commissioner Reviews
Before North Washington
Citizens' Association.

One of the more important District of Columbia legislative reviews, including the public law, the "red light" law, and the "Dorchester" law, was made last night by Commissioner Siddons in an address before the North Washington Citizens' Association in the parish hall, Church of the Holy Trinity.

Mr. Siddons also spoke of the work of the Board of Assessors of the District, and expressed the belief that the present assessments are fairer than any heretofore made.

"It has been said for years that the assessments in the District of Columbia have been unfair, and that favoritism has been shown in the distribution of the appropriations for public improvements," said Mr. Siddons. "The Commissioner has undertaken to see to what extent the charges might be true, and in so far as it lay in their power, to correct those injustices."

In referring to the work of the Public Utilities Commission, Mr. Siddons pointed out that the valuation of the utilities, undertaken by the commission, is a tremendous task and one that must necessarily take time to accomplish.

"In many quarters there is impatience," he said, "but in many quarters there is impatience."

FEDS PLAN TO CUT
DOWN EXPENDITURES

Limit Each Club to Twenty Players
and Use Other Ways to
Save Their Money.

CHICAGO, Nov. 26.—Although the Federal League owners intended at the beginning of their annual meeting that there would be another year of baseball war, the club owners reached the decision late on Saturday night to carry not more than twenty players. Also it was asserted that, while fifteen major league players who were not with the Federal League last year had been signed and that negotiations for eight or ten others were under way, no "straw" players were to be paid. It was said.

The league members also decided to charge big league prices—25, 30 and 35 cents, and \$1 for box seats. Last season prices were cut by the Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Brooklyn clubs.

President Gilmore asserted the stories given out by officials of organized baseball that the Federal League was a financial disaster were absolute falsehoods. He said that even if the league did not make money last year there was no complaint at the meeting, and none of the men interested in it desired to withdraw. On the contrary, he said, they were enthusiastic and had planned greater expenditures. Peace with organized ball was not discussed, he asserted.

Only three umpires have been signed by the Federal League. Mr. Gilmore said there must be some changes in the staff, and if Henry O'Day, former manager of the Chicago Nationals, wished to become one of the new league's managers he could have a contract tomorrow.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 26.—Holding that the employment of regular salaried agents to ascertain the playing qualifications of men in the minor leagues was an overdone to such an extent that it was now worthless, the board of directors of the Cincinnati National League club decided to do away with all salaried agents for next season. It is the intention of the club to have more occupied responsible positions in various minor leagues to look after their interests in regard to drafting players, but the men who heretofore did nothing but travel through the minor leagues looking for young talent will not be signed for the coming season, according to the announcement from the board of directors.

ORGANIZING TO FIGHT
INCREASE IN RATES

Commuters Along Baltimore and
Ohio Railroad Will Meet
Again This Afternoon.

A permanent organization to fight the proposed increase in commuter fares over the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad will be formed this afternoon at the second mass meeting in two days of commuters along this line of road.

The meeting will be held at 7 o'clock in the office of the A. H. Baker Company, 10 Fourteenth street northwest. At an enthusiastic meeting there yesterday afternoon resolutions were passed calling on the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to be paid to the Interstate Commerce Commission in behalf of the commuters of the line and against the proposed increase.

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D. A. R. Pours Pennies
to Complete the Mile

More than \$1,000 is available for the fund for the erection of the parish house of the All Souls' Unitarian church as a result of the annual two-day sale and the donation, which ended at the Willard last evening.

At the charge of the booth were Mrs. Richard Fay Jackson, Miss Pillsbury, Miss Foster, Mrs. Henry Parapher, Mrs. Charles Robinson, Mrs. Edson Easton, Mrs. Ida Kinsell, and Mrs. Benjamin Smith. The entertainment was given by Mrs. C. A. Newcomb, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Joseph Stewart, and Mrs. Caleb Miller.

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Playhouse Picks Officers;
Plans for Busy Season

One of the most active seasons in the seven years of the history of the Playhouse is planned as a result of the annual meeting held yesterday.

The officers elected yesterday were: President, Preston Gibson; vice president, Murray A. Cobb and J. H. de la Motte; secretary, George Duffie; treasurer, E. E. Jordan. The board of governors for the coming year consists of John Barrett, Murray Cobb, George Duffie, Preston Gibson, James I. Archibald, G. R. Fortescue, W. F. Hill, Edward B. Stinson, H. de la Motte, Paul S. Pearson, E. E. Jordan and

22 SEEK CONTRACT
ON ARMY MEMORIAL

Twenty-two contractors, among them eight located in Washington, submitted bids to the War Department today on the contract for the construction of the \$750,000 memorial amphitheater and chapel at Arlington.

\$700,000 for Research
By Carnegie Institution

Amounts which totaled \$700,000 were appropriated by the directors of the Carnegie Institution, of Washington, for research work during the year, at their annual meeting held at the institution's headquarters, and at 17th street northwest.

This is substantially the same as was spent for scientific purposes during the year just closed, and the directors decided that there should be no material change in the work of the organization. Senator Elihu Root, chairman of the board of directors,

FOOTBALL CRITIC
PICKS OUT SQUAD

A department of the annual football picking, All-American football team, noted in the column Robert Root, the World's expert on the subject of the football article, picks out an All-American squad, including the following players for the various positions:

Of the ends Harvard's Howard O'Brien, Cornell's Merritt, and Higgins, Penn. State, are named. The back line are Hall, of Princeton, and Le Gorge, of Yale; Toan, of Williams; Moore, of Princeton; Anshutz, of Yale; Cahill, Lehigh; Whitney, Dartmouth; Hodson, Army; and Frager, of Colby.

Quarterback bugs, Harriet and Prichard, Le Gorge and Anshutz, and Mahan and Harwick are picked, while Le Gorge is selected for center. The guard could be used for lateral pass work. Punters are found in Mahan, Barrett, Le Gorge, Whitney, Eds, Hodson, and Cahill.

Bob Maxwell, the well known official and former Swarthmore football player, has selected the following players for the All-American team as follows:

Player Team Position
Harwick, Harvard Left End
Patterson, W. and J. Center
Pennock, Harvard Guard
Crutcher, (Capt.) W. & J. Quarterback
Sears, Dartmouth Center
Schultz, Washington & Lee Tackle
Higgins, Penn. State End
Barrett, Cornell Halfback
Mahan, Harvard Halfback
Whitney, Dartmouth Halfback
Mabey, Michigan Halfback
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In the New York Times, Robert Root has selected his All-American list as follows:

All-American eleven—Position
Merritt, Army Left End
Toan, Yale Left Tackle
Patterson, W. and J. Left Guard
Gourlay, Pennsylvania Left Guard
E. Greenham, Princeton Right Guard
Toan, Yale Right Guard
Harwick, Harvard Right Tackle
Mahan, Harvard Center
Barrett, Cornell Quarterback
Whitney, Dartmouth Right Halfback
Le Gorge, Yale Left Halfback

On the second eleven the ends are O'Brien and Scholten, and Nash, Rutgers; Mahan, Eds, Williams, and Sears, Dartmouth; center, Stewart, Army; Prichard, Army; selected for quarterback, with Cahill, Lehigh, Caldwell, W. and J., and Knowles, Yale, in the backline.

SULLIVAN ASKS FOR
VINDICATION INQUIRY

At the request of James Mark Sullivan, American minister to the Dominican Republic, President Wilson this morning directed Secretary of State Bryan to make an investigation of charges made against Mr. Sullivan's conduct of his office.

In all probability a commission, headed by Paul Fuller, of New York, will be sent to Santo Domingo to investigate the charges. A cablegram from Mr. Sullivan, asking that the investigation be made, was received at the White House this morning.

Italy Faces Big Problem
In Care of Unemployed

The Italian government's greatest internal problem since the outbreak of the war is today to care for the tremendous army of unemployed.

American Consul Stewart, stationed at Milan, reported to the State Department that in the province of Lombardy alone 100,000 Italians are unemployed, having left France, Switzerland and Austria at the outbreak of the war. Public subscriptions taken up in Milan for the relief of the unemployed totaled \$2,000 by the middle of October.

Police Search for Two
Who Robbed Victim

Search is being made today by police of the Fourth precinct for two colored men who held up and robbed Frank Schum, a member of the Marine band, living at 50 E. street southeast, and his wife, who were returning home from the Delaware avenue and E. street southwest last night.

Schum was on his way home about 10 o'clock when the colored men stepped up to him, poked a revolver in his face and demanded his money. After relieving him of his cash, the men ran down Delaware avenue.

Urges R. F. D. Changes.

Ninety million dollars could be freed of the rural mail delivery cost by the adoption of the plan suggested by the Postmaster General Blakeley, that the Postoffice Committee be authorized to make a study of the rural mail delivery system, and to report on the results of its study to the Postoffice Committee.

VILLA AND ZAPATA
TO HOLD CONFERENCE

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Start the New Year "Right" and Profitably by Attending Washington's Greatest Suit and Overcoat Sale

START the New Year "Right"— make your first business act a visit to P-B's Annual Mid-Winter Clearance Sale.

Here are thousands of P-B hand-tailored quality Suits and Overcoats for you to select from—the prices are reduced and your purchase is backed by the P-B guarantee of absolute satisfaction.

This event has held the confidence of men for a quarter of a century and merits your attendance—this store holds two, and only two, sales each year.

Every P-B Winter Suit or Overcoat price is reduced, genuinely and generously. It is the P-B policy to allow the original price tickets to remain on all garments.

(Note)—The following reductions include young men's Suits and Overcoats.

All \$15 Suits and \$10.75
Overcoats now...

All \$18 Suits and \$13.25
Overcoats now...

All \$20 Suits and \$14.25
Overcoats now...

All \$25 Suits and \$18.75
Overcoats now...

All \$30 Suits and \$21.75
Overcoats now...

All \$35 Suits and \$25.50
Overcoats now...

All \$40 Suits and \$31.25
Overcoats now...

All \$45 Suits and \$35.50
Overcoats now...

Full Dress, Tuxedos, and Prince Alberts are not included in this sale.

\$3 and \$4 Derbies
In This
Sale... \$1.85

These are manufacturers' samples, perfect hats guaranteed in every way. It is the year's greatest "Derby" sale event.

Special Sale of
Soft Hats at \$1.35

Sale of \$5 and \$6
Velour Hats

Special
At... \$3.50

Fur Caps 1/4 Opera Hats 1/3
Reduced Reduced

Leather Goods Reduced 1/4

Washington's Shirt Sale
\$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2
Shirts in This Sale—Special

(4) Four
79c for \$3.00

Men look for this sale; past experience has proven to them that they can buy perfect shirts at this low sale price.

Every (winter) white and colored negligee shirt must make way for the P-B spring stock. No exceptions.

You can buy our "regular stock" shirts in plain and plaited fronts. New patterns, no seconds. Clean, fresh stocks.

A word to the wise, "come early tomorrow. Get first choice of patterns and sizes."

Manhattan Shirts not in this sale.

Mid-Winter Clearance
in the P-B Boys' Shop

Men have no monopoly at P-B's mid-winter clearance, mothers come in for their share of good values in the Boys' Shop. You mothers will profit by reading these values today and, more so, by seeing them tomorrow.

Broken Lots Boys' Suits and
Overcoats—the Reductions

\$6.00 values... \$4.00 \$12.50 values... \$8.34
\$7.50 values... \$5.00 \$15.00 values... \$10.00
\$8.50 values... \$5.66 \$16.50 values... \$11.00
\$10.00 values... \$6.66 \$18.00 values... \$12.00

\$5 and \$6 Suits
for boys, reduced
in this... \$3.75

Boys' Furnishings
Reduced—
All Children's 1/4
Hats reduced... 1/4

Broken lots
Boys' Over-
coats re-
duced... 1/3

400 Boys' and
Men's Caps, worth
to \$1.50.
Special at... 89c

\$5.00 Shoes
Clearance price,
\$3.95

Clearance
prices now in
effect on \$5
Tecks—all Rus-
set and Gun-
Metal leathers in
the very newest
style models.

Teck Shoes
rank first with
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men, and this
clearance will be
the first thought
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ing.

Parker, Bridget & Co.

THE AVENUE AT NINTH

The P-B guarantee of
absolute satisfaction
is in force always

Civil Service Pension
Move to Start Tonight

One thousand members of the Navy and Army are expected to attend the meeting at the Avenue at which it was decided to move the civil service pension bill to the House.

Only Fifteen Lads Reach
300 in National League

The official batting averages in the National League published today show fifteen only among batters who have played in the league for three or more years.

May Withdraw Marines
From Dominican Waters

That it will soon be possible to withdraw American marines from Dominican waters, where they have been held in readiness since the first short outbreak of the revolution, was indicated today by the Navy Department.

House Committee May Cut
"Christmas Ship" Arrives
Waterways Estimates At Genoa With Presents

With the army engineers' river and harbor estimates before the House today, the House Committee may cut the "Christmas Ship" which is expected to arrive at Genoa with presents for the children of the poor.